

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are amended herein to recite an "optical disk" as supported, for example, on page 46, in the fifth to the last line and on page 46, second paragraph of the specification. No new matter is presented. Accordingly, upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-20 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

I. Response to Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Ishimaru et al (US 6,610,389 B2).

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the structural differences between the presently claimed subject matter and the inkjet recording material of Ishimaru et al. That is, claim 1 is amended to recite an "optical disk" and to recite the thickness of the substrate, neither of which are taught or suggested by Ishimaru et al. Ishimaru et al is directed to a paper material and does not teach or suggest a substrate having a thickness within the recited range. See, e.g., the working examples and column 6, lines 63-65 of Ishimaru et al. Further, since Ishimaru et al is not directed to the same type of information recording medium as the present invention, Ishimaru et al is not directed to the same problem and does not even recognize the advantages of the claimed invention. Thus, Ishimaru et al does not render the presently claimed invention obvious.

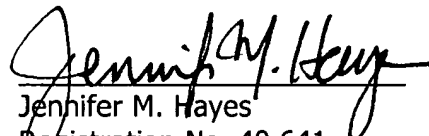
Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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